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1. On 13 August 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33)-Waldfrieden quartered about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and some with black-bordered crimson epaulets. Six 85-mm AA guns and 4 x 37-mm AA guns were seen in the billeting area. About 80 men practiced aiming and gun displacement. The troops pulled the guns. Forty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets some with artillery and some with motor transport insignia practiced firing with submachine guns. At 11 p.m. on 1 August, the AAA unit held an alert practice. Sixty to 80 men some of whom were in a plastic suits, ran to the gun sheds and vehicles at the landing field. Eight AA guns were limbered to trucks with the aid of light from flashlights and moved to the landing field. After about one hour, the 8 trucks towing the guns and 4 other trucks returned to the quarters from the landing field. The trucks belonged to the [redacted].

2. On 13 August, the Pioneer Kaserne on Gartenstrasse was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia, and a few who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Troops were chiefly engaged in tank driving practice and firing practice with machine guns from tanks. JS-2 tanks [redacted] and T-34 tanks [redacted] and JSU-152 gun [redacted] were identified. Motor vehicles seen included [redacted].

3. During the period from 7 to 13 August, the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse quartered a guard unit of about 100 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training activity was noticed. [redacted]

4. During the period from 7 to 13 August, a guard detail with red-bordered black epaulets was stationed in the barracks installation on the road to Rauen. No training activity or vehicular traffic were observed.

5. During the period from 5 to 11 August, the barracks installation on the road to Rauen quartered about 125 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with motor transport insignia. Troops were engaged only in driving practice with motor vehicles [redacted].

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6. During the period from 5 to 11 August, the barracks installation on Brauns-
denferstrasse was occupied by about 100 men who wore red-bordered black
epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. No training activity was
noticed. Truck [] was in the billeting area.
7. During the period from 5 to 11 August, the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse
quartered at least 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank
insignia. T-34 tanks practiced cross-country driving. A JS tank was worked on.
An amphibious car left the installation.
8. During the period from 5 to 11 August, the northern section of the Fliegenhorst
Kaserne, Waidfrieden, was used to store boxes and wooden barrels and quartered
civilians and troops. Some of the troops wore black-bordered crimson epaulets
and some wore red-bordered black epaulets and all were engaged in fatigue duty.
About 25 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery
insignia marched into the south section. []



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[] in Russian letters. **

Comment. It appears that no changes have occurred regarding the occupa-
tion of the four installations in Puerstenwalde since previous reports. []
Some of the observations in paragraphs 8 probably
refer to the main medical depot of the GOCG stationed in Waidfrieden.

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